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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. 5621
Date 30 NOV 39

Date November 28, 1939.

Subject. Mei Foong Silk Weaving Factory (Chinese) - strike situation

Made by D.S. McKeown Forwarded by C. Crawford D.I.

The strike declared by the workers of the Mei Foong Silk Weaving Factory, 83 Haichow Road, as a protest against a reduction in the working period, continues this morning, November 28.

On the afternoon of November 27, the workers appeared at the factory with the intention of entering into negotiations with the management, but no responsible person was present. Subsequently, discussions took place between a representative of the management and workers by telephone, when a demand for a food allowance of $8.00 was made should the night shift remain suspended. The representative suggested that a food allowance of $4.00 each was more equitable when the workers were working alternately 11½ hours a day, but those conditions were not accepted.

ZAU AH KYI (曹阿紀) and WONG KWEI SOONG (王桂松), the two strike leaders, were members of the Chinese Labourers' Welfare Association, Lane 161, 8 Yuenfong Road, which suspended functioning on November 15. They are employed by the Siao Mei Foong Silk Weaving Factory, also situated at 83 Haichow Road, which is owned by the younger brother of the proprietor of the Mei Foong Factory. The workers of Siao Mei Foong Silk Weaving Factory submitted through the strike leaders a demand for the issue of an allowance of 50 cents a day when the

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factory is operating only on a day shift, but the management has given no reply to this demand.

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Date Nov. 28th. 1939.

Further REPORT (4)

Subject. Mei Foong (美丰) Silk Weaving Factory (Chinese) Strike.

Made by D.S. Jones. Forwarded by B. Nelson Insp.

Sir,

At 5.40 p.m. the 28-11-39 a telephone message was received from the management of the Mei Foong (美丰) Silk Filature, No. 83 Haichow Road, to the effect that labour trouble had broken out in the mill and that police were required to clear the premises.

A party of police headed by Inspr. Palmer immediately proceeded to the above filature and found that the workers had barricaded themselves inside and refused to open up.

After a considerable amount of parleying between detectives and workers the latter finally threw open the main gate, thus permitting the police party to enter.

The trouble, it was then ascertained, was due to the management's decision to reduce the subsistence allowance of a number of workers who had either lost their jobs or been placed on short time on account of unsatisfactory prospects in the silk manufacturing export business. These workers had refused to leave the premises unless their allowance was increased.

Fearing that if permitted to remain the operatives might sabotage the plant, Mr. Lee Loong Siau 倪龍孝, managing proprietor of the concern, requested that the Police compel all employees to leave the mill premises. A Japanese manager of the firm, however, informed them that they could remain if they wished. This ~~gentleman~~ individual is ~~called~~ Mr. Fuji.

In view of this conflict of opinions it was deemed necessary to consult Mr. Lee once more. This was done

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and as both he and his younger brother, also a part-proprietor of the firm in question, repeated that they desired the premises cleared of all employees it was decided to conduct them outside where they could cause no damage.

However, just as measures were being concerted to put this plan into effect 1st. Class Warrant Officer T. Yamamoto in charge of a party of Japanese marines armed with rifles and bayonets arrived on the scene and took charge of the situation.

1st. Class W.O. Yamamoto informed Inspr. Palmer and the undersigned, through Inspr. Kaneyasu acting as interpreter, that the mill property in question came under the jurisdiction of the Japanese Naval Landing Party, and that the Police were not to turn the workers off the premises. He further intimated that he and his men would prefer the room of the Shanghai Municipal Police to their company, whereupon the small party of Police, seeing it was useless to remain departed on the instructions of Inspr. Palmer.

On returning to the Station it was learned that, acting on instructions received from Inspr. Kaneyasu, F.P.S. 828 had used the Charge Room telephone to report the occurrence to the Japanese marines. This accounts for their unexpected appearance upon the scene.

J. Smith
Sen. Det. i/c

Officer i/c
Sp. Branch.

Premises cleared at 7.30 28-11-29
by J. N. L. S.
S.O.

C. R. Jones
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

Yangtzepoo Station,

Further REPORT (3) Date Nov. 27th 1939.

Subject (in full) Mei Yoong (美亨) Silk Weaving Factory (Chinese) Strike.

Made by D.S.I. Smith. Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir,

No settlement was reached on the 26-11-39 between the management of the Mei Yoong (美亨) Weaving Factory and the strikers, consequently the 75 employees who resumed work on the 24-11-39, again stopped working at 1.30 p.m. on the 26-11-39.

Negotiations are still proceeding and another meeting between the strikers' representatives and the management has been arranged for on the 28-11-39.

During the strike period the management is paying each employee 40 cents per day rice-money.

P. Smith
D.S.I.

Officer i/c Sp. Branch.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

YANGTSZEPOO Station,

REPORT (2)

Date Nov. 25th. 1939.

Subject Mei Foong (美丰) Silk Weaving Factory (Chinese) strike.

Made by D.S.I. Smith Forwarded by [signature]

Sir,

On the morning of the 24/11/39 50 male and 25 female workers resumed work. The remainder refuse to start work until negotiations with the management are satisfactorily concluded and they are still on the factory premises. No untoward incidents have occurred.

At 6.30 p.m. 24/11/39 a deputation consisting of ten strikers visited the head office of the Mei Foong Silk Weaving Co. situated at Lane 244, House No.3 Ningpo Road to discuss the situation with the management. No agreement was reached, but the management promised to give them a definite answer at 2 p.m. 26/11/39.

Strike leaders,

(1) Zau Ah Kyi (曹阿祀), and

(2) Wong Kwei Soong (王桂松).

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REPORT ON STRIKE

"D" Division

Yangtszepoo Station 23-11- 1939.

Time and date reported 4 p.m. Time and date S.B. informed 4.30 p.m.

Time and date strike commenced 12.30 p.m. 23-11-39.

By whom reported C.D.S. 108.

Trade or profession of strikers Silk Weavers.

Number of strikers 221 Male 136 Female 85 Apprentices

Employer's name, address and business Lee Loong Chong (俊龍号.

Proprietor, Mei Foong (美丰) Silk filature, 83 HAichow Road.

Union to which strikers belong Not Union members.

Cause of strike and demands made by strikers On the 17-11-39 the management reduced the working hours from 12hrs. per day to 7 hrs. per day, owing to trade depression. The strikers, who are piece workers, now demand that the 12 hrs. shifts be resumed.

When did discontent amongst strikers first commence 9 a.m. 23-11-39.

What action (if any) did employers take to remedy cause of discontent prior to commencement of strike None

What action (if any) have the employers taken to meet the demands of the strikers Negotiations with workers proceeding.

Names and addresses of strike leaders Not known.

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Has the strike or its cause any political inspiration No.

Meeting places of strikers Compound of factory.

Number of persons arrested for offences arising out of strike Nil.

Particulars of literature (if any) circulated relative to strike Nil.

Name and address of printer of such circulars -

Precautions taken by Police Premises kept under observation by C.D.S. 108.

Investigating Officer D.S.I. Smith, C.D.S. 108.

J. Smith

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REPORT ON STRIKE

"D" Division

Tsaotsaopo Station 22-11- 1939.

Time and date reported 4 p.m. Time and date S.B. informed 4.30 p.m.

Time and date strike commenced 12.30 p.m. 22-11-39.

By whom reported C.D.S. 108.

Trade or profession of strikers Silk Reelers.

Number of strikers 221 Male 136 Female 85 Apprentices

Employer's name, address and business Lee Leong Chang 林亮昌.

Proprietor, Mei Foong (美丰) Silk Filature, 85 Machines Made.

Union to which strikers belong Not Union members.

Cause of strike and demands made by strikers On the 17-11-39 the management reduced the working hours from 12hrs. per day to 7 hrs. per day, owing to trade depression. The strikers, who are piece workers, now demand that the 12 hrs. shifts be resumed.

When did discontent amongst strikers first commence 9 a.m. 22-11-39.

What action (if any) did employers take to remedy cause of discontent prior to commencement of strike None

What action (if any) have the employers taken to meet the demands of the strikers Negotiations with workers proceeding.

Names and addresses of strike leaders Not known.

S. I.

Has the strike or its cause any political inspiration No.

Meeting places of strikers Compound of factory.

Number of persons arrested for offences arising out of strike Nil.

Particulars of literature (if any) circulated relative to strike Nil.

Name and address of printer of such circulars —

Precautions taken by Police Premises kept under observation by C.D.S. 108.

Investigating Officer D.S.I. Smith, C.D.S. 108.

J. Smith

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Date November 24, 1939.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Inspection Report

Name: Mei Foong Silk Weaving Factory
Nature of Business:
Address: 83 Haichow Road
Submitted by: P. Y. Koo

Application No:
Cad. Lot:
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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE

Some 140 weavers of the Dah Mei Foong (大美) Silk Weaving Factory, 83 Haichow Road, declared a "tai kung" strike at 9 a.m., November 23, 1939 in order to enforce the demand of resuming the 12 hours shifts since the management reduced the working hours from 12 hours per day to 7 hours, owing to trade depression. After negotiation, the proprietor, Mr. Nih Neng Chang (倪能昌), promised to give them definite reply on November 26, 1939 and so the workers resumed work at 6 a.m., November 24, 1939.

Some 70 weavers of the Mei Foong Chih Kee Silk Weaving Factory (美丰織化) at the same address, declared a "tai kung" strike at 1 p.m., November 23, 1939 in order to enforce the demand of resuming the 12 hours shifts.

I visited the factory this morning, November 24, 1939 and found that the strike continues to-day. Negotiations between the management and the workers are proceeding.

Action arising:

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Ref: No:..... Date.....November 29, 1939.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Inspection Report

Name: Mei Foong Silk Weaving Factory
Nature of Business:
Address: 83 Haichow Road
Submitted by: P. Y. Koo

Application No:
Cad. Lot:
District:
Read by:

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE

Some 140 weavers of the Dah Mei Foong (大美豐) Silk Weaving Factory, 83 Haichow Road, after the proprietor, Mr. Ni Neng Chang, failed to give them a satisfactory reply, declared a "tai Kung" strike again at 2 p.m., November 26, 1939.

The "tai-kung" strike of some 70 weavers of the Mei Foong Chih Kee Silk Weaving Factory (美豐織綺) at the same address, continues to-day, November 29, 1939.

The workers of both Dah Mei Foong and Mei Foong Chih Kee Silk Weaving Factories remained in the factory premises until the afternoon of November 28, when the proprietors came to the premises accompanied by officers of the Japanese Naval Landing Party. The workers were forced to leave the factory premises immediately after they refused to accept the conditions given by the proprietors.

I visited the factory to-day and met some of the workers outside of the factory. They requested the Industrial Section representative for mediation and they were instructed to appoint proper representatives to call at the Industrial Section

Action arising:

C.D.O. Sir

F. F. 2.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Inspection Report

Name: The China Soap Co., Ltd., Factory
Nature of Business:
Address: 2310 Yangtszepoo Road
Submitted by: P. Y. Koo

Application No:
Cad. Lot:
District:
Read by:

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE

Some 700 workers employed in the China Soap Co., Ltd., 2310 Yangtszepoo Road, previously agitated for an increase in wages due to high cost of living. After learning of the unrest among the workers through foremen, the management granted a 33-1/3% cost of living allowance in August and 15 cents per day of rice allowance in September. Some 120 workers in the Frame Room are agitati g to organize a labor union with the Chinese Workers' We are Association, 127 Rangoon Road. Therefore the management dismissed two leaders, named Tsien Ching Foh (錢青福) and Ah Kong (阿康), in order to stop the activities of other workers who have joined the union. At the same time, the management increased the wages of all employees by 9 cents per day on November 23, 1939.

I called on Mr. W. Harper, Technical Manager, at the factory, 2310 Yangtszepoo Road, for investigation. Mr. Harper stated that the workers are satisfied now, since the management has already increased their wages on last Thursday. I have interviewed the Chief Engineer, Mr. Chong Gi Hei (仲其英) and the foreman of the Frame Room, Mr. Y. Y. Yang (楊遠源), for information as to the unrest among the workers.

Action arising:

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yangtzepoo Station,

Further REPORT (5)

Date Nov. 30th. 1939.

Subject (in full) Mei Foong (美丰) Silk Weaving Factory (Chinese) Strike.

Made by D.S.I. Smith. Forwarded by B. Palmer, Insp.

Sir,

At 11.30 a.m. 30-11-39 the management of the Mei Foong (美丰) Silk Weaving Factory, No. 83 Haichow Road, paid off the whole of their workers numbering 221 persons, and closed the factory for an indefinite period.

In addition to their wages, each worker received a bonus of $30.00.

No untoward incidents occurred.

J. Smith
D.S.I.

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Yangtzepoo Station
REGISTRY
No. S. B. D. 3227
Date

REPORT (3)

Date May 18th, 1939.

Subject (in full) Further report on strike at the Mei Foong Silk Filature, 83 Haichow Road.

Made by D.S. Craig Forwarded by B. Palmer Smith.

Further enquiries by C.D.C. 108 at the Mei Foong Silk Filature, 83 Haichow Road a.m. 18/5/39 ascertained that at 9 a.m. 17/5/39 Woo Ah Loong (吳阿龍) and Zung Ah Tsaung (沈阿昌), representatives of the strikers, met Koh Kung Zien (葛根全), manager of the Mei Foong Silk Filature, in an unnumbered country house off Haichow Road and held further discussion on the strikers demands.

The meeting concluded by the manager agreeing to pay three quarters of one cent (¾ ¢) increase per yard, this being agreeable to the representatives, all the strikers resumed work at 6 a.m. 18/5/39.

D.S. Craig
D.S. 325

Sen. Det. i/c.

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Officer i/c S.B.

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Misc. File No. 85/39.

Y'poo Station,

REPORT (2)

Date May 17th, 1939.

Subject Further report on strike at the Mei Foong Silk Filature, 83 Haichow Road.

Made by D. S. Craig Forwarded by H. Walker Insp.

Sir,

Further enquiries were made at the Mei Foong (美豐) Silk Filature, 83 Haichow Road by C.D.C. 108 A.M. 17/5/39 when it was ascertained that at 4 p.m. 16/5/39, two workers named Woo Ah Loong (吳阿龍) and Zung Ah Tsaung (倪阿昌) representing the strikers, had met the proprietor Lee Loong Siau (倪龍孝) in the offices of the Mei Foong Silk Filature and discussed the possibility of commencing work at the increase per yard as demanded. The proprietor agreed to give an increase of one half cent per yard but this was refused by the representatives who stated they would accept one cent increase per yard and start work immediately but this was refused by the proprietor. The 46 workers are still on strike although there are 20 female and 8 male employees still at work. No threats of intimidation or other untoward incident has occurred.

S. Craig.
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P. Smith
Sen. Det. i/c
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REPORT ON STRIKE

"D" Division — Misc. File No. 85/39.

Yangtszepoo Station — May 12th. 1939

Time and date reported 8.30 p.m. Time and date S.B. informed a.m. 13/5/39.

Time and date strike commenced 5.00 p.m. 12/5/39.

By whom reported C.D.C. 108.

Trade or profession of strikers Silk Weavers.

Number of strikers 46 Male 46 Female Nil. Apprentices Nil.

Employer's name, address and business Lee Loong Siau ( ),
Mei Foong( )Silk Filature Proprietor, 83 Haichow Road.

Union to which strikers belong Not Union Members

Cause of strike and demands made by strikers Demand an increase in wages of One and one Half Cents(1½) per yard of silk woven.

When did discontent amongst strikers first commence 7.30 a.m. 12/5/39.

What action (if any) did employers take to remedy cause of discontent prior to commencement of strike Nil.

What action (if any) have the employers taken to meet the demands of the strikers No action taken by employers so far.

Names and addresses of strike leaders Woo Ah Loong( )& Zung Ah Tsaung( ) both residing unnumbered country house off Haichow Road.

Has the strike or its cause any political inspiration No.

Meeting places of strikers Not known.

Number of persons arrested for offences arising out of strike No arrests.

Particulars of literature (if any) circulated relative to strike None.

Name and address of printer of such circulars .....

Precautions taken by Police Premises kept under observation by C.D.C. 108.

Investigating Officer D.S. 328 Craig. D.S. Craig

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Subsequent reports on the same strike should be submitted on the Report Forms for general use.

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FURTHER REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. 5621
Date 7 3 39

Subject: Suspected trouble among mill workers of the Mei Foong Silk Filature, No. 83 Haichow Road.

Made by: H. Bretherton, D.S. 20 Forwarded by: B. Malone Insp.

Sir.

Since submitting the last report, the following has come to light-J.D.C. 132 and D.S.20 Bretherton interviewed Mr. Fujii connected with the Mei Foong Silk Filature, No. 83 Haichow Road, in an executive capacity. It appears that the person Woo Pau Jang(吳柏祥)prior to the Sino-Japanese Hostilities was a partner in the Mei Foong Silk Filature together with the three brothers, namely, Nyi Lung Chong; Nyi Lung Hsia and Nyi Lung Peh, and due to the hostilities the Mill was forced to close down at a great loss. However, during June 1938 with the assistance of Mr. Fujii the mill was re-opened and put into operation. The elder of the three brothers in an endeavour to recompense Woo Pau Jang permitted him to operate Mill No. 1, which he did until the 15th. February 1939, when the mill closed down for the Chinese New Year Holidays.

Mr. Fujii then had occasion to dismiss Woo Pau Jang on the 16/2/39, the reason being that his work was not up to standard, also, that it had come to his notice that Woo Pau Jang had been frequenting gambling houses in the Western district, and as a result his work was suffering neglect. Whether an altercation had taken place or not could not be ascertained, Mr. Fujii declining to comment on that point, however it would seem significant when Mr. Fujii instructed all employees of the Mill to either forfeit their respective Japanese passes, or pay the sum of $5.00 each from their salary which was paid to them on the 24/2/39. The idea being that all employees would

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be obliged to resume work after the holidays or else forfeit the $5.00 or their Japanese pass, whichever the case might be. Other than is related above Mr. Fujii could not enlighten the undersigned.

No. 1 Mill resumed operation today 3/3/39, since closing for the holidays. This mill is operated by 65 workers, working in two shifts, i.e. 7 a.m. to 12 noon; 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; 7 p.m. to midnight and 1 a.m. to 5a.m. daily. All but seventeen workers resumed today, receiving their $5.00 or Japanese pass, whichever the case might be.

Woo Pau Jang is said to be in the Western Area, vicinity of Trenan Road.

Enquiries proceeding.

DCSB.

P. A. to D. C. (Sp. Br.)

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Senior Detective i/c.
D.D.O. (D) Division.
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REPORT

Yangtszepoo Station,

Date March 3rd, 19 39.

Subject. Suspected trouble among mill workers of the Mei Foong Silk Filature, 83 Haichow Road.

Made by D.S. Bretherton Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir,

At 3.55 p.m. on the 28/2/39, C.D.C. 108 reported to this Station that whilst he was on patrol in the vicinity of the Mei Foong (美豐) Silk Filature, No. 83 Haichow Road, he had heard among mill employees that there might be some sort of trouble - exact nature not known - among them.

Accordingly, C.D.C. 108 and the undersigned immediately paid a visit to the mill vicinity in question, questioning the employees, of whom there were many about at the time, but nothing could be learned.

The managers, Keh Keng Kyi (葛根奇) and Hsia Tsi Hsiang (夏子香) of the mill were then interviewed and the following ascertained, that the premises comprise three mills, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, owned and operated by three brothers, named Nyi Lung Chong (倪倫昌), Nyi Lung Hsia (倪倫孝) and Nyi Lung Peh (倪倫伯). Nos. 2 and 3 are in operation having resumed on the 23/2/39 after the Chinese New Year Holidays. Whilst No. 1 operated by Nyi Lung Chong (倪倫昌) since closing down for the Holidays has not resumed operation, the reason being that financial undertakings for the past year were not balanced, but that it would resume operation in the near future. Questioned regarding the possibility of trouble among the employees of either of the three mills, the managers were emphatic that they had no reason to suspect trouble of any sort, and that they had not received any indication that such might be.

Detectives on leaving the premises by the main

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gateway observed two Ford Hire-cars obviously over-crowded with occupants, travelling west along Haichow Road about to turn south into Ningwu Road towards Yangtszepoo Road. It seeming somewhat untoward, that two vehicles carrying so many passengers should be in the vicinity of this mill at the time, it was decided to attempt to overtake the vehicles in question and ascertain from the occupants their purpose, if any, for being in the vicinity. Consequently, the pursuit was taken up by detectives following in the Station M/car, but on reaching Yangtszepoo Road the vehicles in question were lost to sight. However, there being a possibility that they might be overtaken farther along the road the pursuit continued, and on arrival at the intersection of Yangtszepoo and Pingliang Roads was abandoned, the trail being lost. Returning east along Pingliang Road headed for this Station the vehicles in question were observed ranked on the south side of the Pingliang Road Market. Stopping the Station M/car about fifty yards east of the vehicles, detectives made to approach unconcernedly but were frustrated having been observed by the occupants of the vehicles in question who had made ready to make good their escape. Pursued by detectives a chase ensued, but was abandoned due to the density of onlookers, pedestrians and the like. Returning to the vehicles the chauffeurs, Vai Bu Long (韋步郎) driving Hire-car F.M.C. Lic. No. 12374 and Sung Keng Fah (沈根發) driving Hire-car F.M.C. Lic. No. 12337 were questioned, stating that they had

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been detailed at 3.57 p.m. (28/2/39) from Ford Hire Service Station, Avenue Edward VII and Szechuen Road corner, to drive to Lane 134 House 35 Thorborn Road, the Tai Chang (泰昌) Rice shop. Arriving at about 4.10 p.m. they had been met by ten male Chinese, descriptions not available, who were waiting on the pavement outside the entrance to the Rice-shop. Splitting up into two parties, five in each, they boarded the cars, F.M.C. Lic. No. 12374 being in the lead, and instructed to drive along various Roads in the Yulin Road and Y'poo Police districts, no definite destination being indicated. They had been ordered by the occupants only on one occasion to stop, that being at the intersection of Waichow and Yingwu Roads, the place where they had been observed by detectives in the first instance. Statements taken from the two chauffeurs attached, herewith.

The Rice-shop was visited and there it was ascertained, that an unknown female Chinese had paid for the use of the telephone on the premises and had called the two Hire-cars.

Whilst statements were being taken at the Station from the chauffeurs C.D.C. 108 was detailed to visit the vicinity of the Mill, being successful in locating two named:-

1. Sung Ming Foo (沈明富).
2. Koo Pai Nyiu (顾佩之).

These two persons when questioned stated that they had been employed by one named Woo Pau Jang (吴柏祥)

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contractor in Mill No. 1 of the Mei Foong Silk Filature, 83 Haichow Road, last known address, Mei Foong Mill Quarters, Haichow Road, since July 1938 until February 15th 1939, when the mill closed down for the Chinese New Year Holidays. A notice being posted by the employers to the effect that wages would be paid on the 24/2/39. The 1st named Sung Ming Foo (沈明富) was entitled to $19.80 for thirteen days work done, namely, 2/2/39 to the 15/2/39 inclusive, but only received $15.00 from Woo Pau Jang (吳柏祥) $4.80 having been deducted for the retainance of his Japanese pass, failing payment of the $4.80 the pass would be confiscated by Woo Pau Jang until such time as the $4.80 was paid. The 2nd named Koo Pai Kyiu (顧培元) had been treated in a like manner. It has been ascertained that this person Woo Pau Jang had contracted from the owner of the No. 1 Mill three machines, these Woo Pau Jang operated employing the labour, namely the 1st named Sung Ming Foo (沈明富), 2nd named Koo Pai Kyiu (顧培元) and one other named Pao Sung Kwang (包崇光) to date not located. This person Koo Pai Kyiu was witnessed by the former two named workers on the evening of the 26/2/39 in the Mill quarters, in an altercation with Woo Pau Jang over the fact that Koo Pai Kyiu had refused to pay $4.80 for the retainance of his Japanese pass, which resulted in an exchange of blows during which it is said Woo Pau Jang received the worst. Since, Woo Pau Jang is alleged to have gone South of the Creek and has not returned, his present whereabouts being

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unknown.

Although these persons have been employed since July 1938, it is said to be the first occasion on which any stoppage of pay had been made for retainance of Japanese pass.

Enquiries to date, have failed to reveal anything of a political nature in connection with that which forms the subject of this file, further, there is no evidence available, as yet, that the occupants of the hire-cars are connected with the person Woo Pau Jang. However, enquiries are still to be furthered with this view in mind.

Every effort is being made to locate the person Woo Pau Jang and Koo Pei Kyiu.

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Koo Pai Nyiu (顾淨之)

Soochow D.S. Craig

Y'poo Stn. 28/2/39 Clerk Chin Cheng Ju.

My name is Koo Pai Nyui, age 30, native of Soochow, M/cool: employed at the Mei Woong Silk Filature, 83 Haichow Road, residing at an unumbered country house off Haichow Road.

I have been employed together with Sung Ming Foo (沈明富) and Pau Sung Kwang (包宋光), residing at the same address, unde Woo Pau Jang (吳包祥), sub-contractor, Mei Foong Silk Filature, since July 1938 until 15th Feb. 1939 when the factory ceased wo: for the Chinese New Year Festivities and has not re-opened since Prior to the factory closing a notice was posted by the owner to the effect that wages would be paid on 25th Feb. 1939. I visited my mother-in-law, named Koo Kyung Doo (顾金大) residing 17 Toh Sing Li, Rue Du Marche, and stayed there until the 26/2/39 on which date I returned to the factory for my salary but Woo Pau Jang refused to pay same unless I handed over my pass to him, this I refused to do stating that my pass had been obtained by the proprietor of the factory. After making this statement Woo Pau Jang again refused to pay the wages due to me following which an argument ensued which subsequently led to blows being struck. On the termination of t fight which was witnessed by many other employees of the Mei Foong Silk Filature, Woo Pau Jang stated that as a result of the fight he had "lost face" and would therefore call several loafers to assault and cause me bodily injury. At about 4.oo p. 28/2/39 a friend of mine named Bang Miau Yi (彭妙贵) informed me that there was a crowd of loafers coming to assault me to-ds (28/2/39) at the instigation of Woo Pau Jang. On receipt of thi information I went to hide at my friend Bang Miau Yi's home

to avoid being assaulted. At 5.30 p.m. 28/2/39, a Chinese detective located me at the home of my friend named Bang Miau Yi, situated at 16 Linching Faung Linching Road where on being questioned I stated the aforegoing facts as the cause of the trouble.

This is my true statement.

Signed by Koo Pai Kyiu.

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Sung Ming Foo

Zaushing D. S. Craig.

Y'poo Stn. 28/2/39 Clerk Chin Cheng Ju.

My name is Sung Ming Foo, age 34, Zaushing, S/coolie, employed and residing at the Mei Foong Silk Filature, 83 Haicho Road.

I have been employed at the Mei Foong Silk Filature, together with Koo Pai Kyiu and Pau Sung Kwang under Woo Pau Jang, sub-contractor at the above factory.

On the 15/2/39 the factory ceased work for the Chinese New Year Festivities but a notice was posted by the owner to the effect that wages would be paid on the 24/2/39. For 13 days work, viz. 2/2/39 to 15/2/39 I was entitled to $19.80 wages but I only received $15.00 from Woo Pau Jang, the remaining $4.80 being deducted by Woo Pau Jang as pass fee, this fee would allow me to keep the pass in my possession. I remonstrated wit Woo Pau Jang informing him that I had received my pass from the Japanese pass through the proprietor of the factory, and not through him, therefore, it was no concern of his whether I was in possession of a pass or otherwise. I did not report the extortion to the proprietor as I have not seen him since the factory ceased work on the 15/2/39. At about 7 p.m. on the 26/2/39 at the factory workers quarters I witnessed a quarrel between Woo Pau Jang and Koo Pai Kyiu which led to blows being struck by both because the latter had refused to pay $5.00 extortion as a fee to retain possession of his Japanese pass issued in the name of the proprietor of the factory.

Following the fight Woo Pau Jang ran away and I have not seen since. On the 28/2/39 I returned from Shanghai at 6.30 p.m. and did not see any leafers come to the factory. This is my true statement.

Signed: Sung Ming Foo.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.

The following is the statement of Sung Keng Fah (沈根发)
native of Shanghai taken by me D.S. Brotherton
at Y'poo Stn. on the 28-2-39 and interpreted by Clerk Chin Chang Ju

My name is Sung Keng Fah, 33, Shanghai, resident at my employers address. I am a chauffeur- driving licence F.M.C. No. 15769. employed by the Ford Hire Service, Avenue Edward VII. Driving Hire-car F.M.C. Licence No. 12237.

I was in company with the last witness, Vai Ma Long (崔步龙) driving hire-car F.M.C. Licence No. 12237 at the said time; date and places stated by him. I hereby, corroborate his statement to the best of my belief.

As I was following witnesses' hire-car the whole time, the only instructions I received from the five occupants of my car, was to follow the car in front, namely the previous witnesses'.

The occupants reason for driving along the various Roads in the Yulin and Yangtsepoo Districts is not apparent to me. However, should I be again confronted by any one of the occupant I think I could identify one or more of them.

Sung Keng Fah.

Having considered the fact, that this witnesses' statement corresponds with that as is stated by the previous witness, Vai Ma Long ( ), only a short statement, as is related herein, was taken from him that neither might unnecessarily be detained, but allowed to go as soon as was possible.

The witnesses employer's were informed of investigations made to date.

J.A.t. 4. 3. 39

Vai Eu Long (倪 [illegible])

Haimen

Y'poo Stn.

28/2/39

D.S. Bretherton

Clerk Chin Cheng Ju.

My name is Vai Eu Long, age 37, native of Haimen, resident at No.11 Wong Ka Loong ([illegible]) off Great Western Road. I am employed by the Ford Hire Service, Ave. Edward VII., as a chauffeur F.M.C. driving licence No.8659 and drive hire-car F.M.C. Lic. No.12374. At 3.57 p.m. on the 28/2/39 I was instructed together with another chauffeur driving hire-car F.M.C. Lic. No. 12337 to drive from the Avenue Edward VII Service Station, (to which station we had both just returned) to No.35, Lane 134 Thorborn Road and there pick up a fare. Arriving at about 4.10 p.m. both our cars were met by ten male Chinese, who were standing on the pavement outside the entrance the aforementioned address. They were well dressed in Chinese long gowns and overcoats with an appearance known to be that of the loafer element. They then split up into two parties, five in each and boarded our cars. One of the male's who boarded my car had a bundle (size about 12" x 8") in his possession wrapped in a length of black cloth, contents of which I do not know. Then, speaking in Shanghai dialect with a Kompo accent, one of the male's instructed me to drive along various roads indicating no particular destination. The Roads traversed are as follows:- North along Thorburn Road turning east into Yulin; north into Chemulpo turning east into Baikal thence in continuation east along Hochien turning south into Ningwu stopping at the corner of Ningwu and Haichow Roads.

Coming to a standstill three of the males alighted only to be joined by four more from the hire-car at my rear- there were many persons of the mill workers type about at the time-

they left the car but I did not observe in what direction they went being absent from the car but three or four minutes when they boarded my car instructed me to drive to Y'poo Road and thence to Tinching turning west into Hochien, thence along Hochien into Baikal; Chemulpo; thence along Pingliang Road. On nearing the Pingliang Road market the time would be about 4.55 p.m., I was instructed to stop, where all occupants of the two cars alighted, one of the male's telling me to wait. As the males were about to saunter towards the market proper, I saw them suddenly run off, without paying their fare, in all directions, likewise, did the occupants of the other hire-car. Looking about I saw a foreign detective approaching accompanied by a Chinese detective.

I think, if confronted by one or more of the occupants again, I could identify them.

It is well to mention, that during the time the occupants travelled in my hire-car I did not overhear anything untoward, likely ~~wee~~ to be of any assistance to the Police.

Vai Eu Long.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & S. DIV. REGISTRY
No. D 5621
Date 19/1/34

January 18, 1934

Labour

Dah Chung Steam Navigation Company - unrest among crew of the s.s. "Hsin Ning" removed

The unrest over the demand for the issue of wages in arrears which existed among the thirty-five members of the crew of the s.s. "Hsin Ning" of the Dah Chung Steam Navigation Company, Nantao (Vide I.R. 15/11/33) came to an end on January 17 when they were paid in full.

7th District Cotton Spinning Factory Workers' Union (San Yeu Towel Factory ex-workers) - to entertain local public bodies

In appreciation of their assistance in settling the protracted dispute between the ex-workers and the management of the San Yeu Towel Factory, Yinghsiangkiang, Kyung Yu Ding (雍雨丁), committee member of the 7th District Cotton Spinning Factory Workers' Union, will represent the ex-workers in entertaining delegates of various local public bodies at 6 p.m. to-day, January 19 in the Dah Si Yang Restaurant, 323 Foochow Road.

Mei Feng Silk Weaving Factory - ex-workers receive repatriation fee

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In compliance with the agreement reached during the meeting convened under the auspices of the Bureau of Social Affairs on January 15 (Vide I.R. 16/1/34), the management of the Mei Feng Silk Weaving Factory, 17 Haichow Road, paid repatriation fees in the sum of $10.00 each to some 250 of the 314 ex-workers at 2 p.m. January 18. The remaining unemployed workers are expected to appear to-day, January 19, to obtain their share.

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Labour (3)

Duck Slaughterers - Unrest

Unrest now exists among some 100 employees of various local duck slaughter-houses who are agitating against a decision of their employers to pay their wages yearly instead of monthly with effect from February 1934. They are also dissatisfied with the failure of their employers to observe the agreement relating to their treatment. It is learned that these slaughterers will resort to a strike should their employers ignore their opposition.

World Bookstore - Dismissed workers meet to discuss formation of hunger strike groups

Seven ex-workers of the World Bookstore, 3-5 Dalny Road, held a meeting in the office of the "World Bookstore Dismissed Workers' Appeal Committee" in the Zung Hsiang Koh Temple, New North Gate, at 4 p.m. January 17. It was decided to report to the local Kuomintang that, as their demand for reinstatement could not be entertained, the dismissed workers would organize hunger strike groups and appeal to the Bureau of Social Affairs.

Mei Feng Silk Weaving Factory - to distribute repatriation fee

In compliance with the agreement reached during the meeting convened under the auspices of the Bureau of Social Affairs on January 15 (Vide I.R. 16/1/34), the management of the Mei Feng Silk Weaving Factory, 17 Haichow Road, which closed down at the end of December 1933, on account of business depression, will issue repatriation fees at 2 p.m. on January 18, to its employees totalling some 314.

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January 16, 1934. Afternoon Translation.

Central China Daily News and other local newspapers:

DISPUTE AT THE MEI FOONG SILK WEAVING WORKS.

At a meeting called yesterday afternoon by the Social Bureau regarding the dispute at the Mei Foong Silk Weaving Works on Haichow Road, the following measures were passed:-

1. That the management suspend operations till the end of February.

2. That the management grant a loan of $10 to each operative for the period of suspension of work, the loan to be refunded in two instalments when work is resumed.

3. That the workers be allowed to reside in the Works quarters but the number be limited.

4. That should the management be unable to re-open the Works at the date suggested, the hands be discharged.

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Central China Daily News and other local newspapers:

DISPUTE AT THE DAH CHUNG HWA VULCANIZING WORKS.

In November last year, the Dah Chung Hwa Vulcanizing Works on Route Zikawei dismissed nine workers who were prominent members of the Union.

Acting on instructions from the local Tangpu and other political organs, the dismissed workers attempted to resume, but were refused admittance by the management.

A petition will be submitted to-day to the Social Bureau.

Central China Daily News and other local newspapers:

B.A.T. WORKERS RESUME.

With reference to the dispute at the Tin Foil Department of the British-American Tobacco Old Factory at Pootung, the workers resumed work at 7 a.m. yesterday. An official of the local Tangpu yesterday proceeded to Pootung and advised the operatives to await a settlement.

It is said that the dispute will be settled at a formal meeting to be held tomorrow by the Social Bureau.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
CHIEF'S REGISTRY
No. D

Yangtzepoo Station,
Date
Date 18th January 1934.

Subject (in full) Further Report re closing of the "Mei Foong" silk Filature, 17, Haichow Road.

Made by D. S. 10 Forwarded by D. S. I. Willgoss

Sir:

C.D.S.63 reports that between 12 noon and 3 p.m. 15/1/34 two males named Tsong Ts Zien( ) and Tsang Tien Kwei( ) representing the ex-workers attended a meeting at the Bureau of Social Affairs when the Filature owner, Nee Dah Tsan( ) was present. It was decided that each ex-worker be paid a sum of $10.00 as repatriation money which would be re-payable by workers re-engaged should the filature resume functioning.

No date for payment of this gratuity was mentioned.

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Your obedient servant

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Labour

Mei Feng Silk Weaving Factory - dispute settled

Between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. January 15, the Bureau of Social Affairs convened a meeting in its offices at the New Civic Centre, with a view to settling the dispute over the demand for retiring gratuities by the workers of the Mei Feng Silk Weaving Factory, 17 Haichow Road. Representatives of both sides concerned attended and it was decided that each of the unemployed workers be paid a sum of $10.00 as re-patriation fee which will be repayable on re-engagement should the concern resume operation.

The Factory which employed a total of 314 hands closed down at the end of December, 1933 (Vide I.R. 1-3/1/34).

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S.N.R. & S.M.N.R. Woosung Works - meeting of workers

Between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. January 15, one hundred foremen of the Woosung Works held a meeting in their workshop. Tsai Ching Foh (蔡金福), one of the delegates who returned from Nanking, reported that as a result of an appeal made to the Ministry of Railways, the latter had promised to give a reply in connection with the demand for the dismissal of the Chief of the Store Department of the S.N.R. & S.M.N.R. within three days. The meeting decided that should the Ministry of Railways fail to settle the dispute in favour of the workers, delegates be sent to Nanking to make further appeals.

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January 12, 1934. Afternoon Translation.

Shun Pao and other local newspapers:-

DISPUTE AT THE MEI FOONG FACTORY

With reference to the labour dispute in the Mei Foong Silk Weaving Factory, the Bureau of Social Affairs yesterday held a meeting of representatives of the management and the workers at which the workers demand that the management reopen the factory, that the workers be allowed to reside in the factory premises and that an allowance of $10 be issued to each worker.

The meeting dissolved as the management refused to accept these demands.

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Labour (2)

Mei Feng Silk Weaving Factory - ex-workers received deposit

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Of the 314 workers of the Mei Feng Silk Weaving Factory, 17 Haichow Road, who were rendered idle following the suspension of the factory operation on December 31, 1933, on account of trade depression (Vide I.R. 1-3/1/34), 266 received deposit due to them from the management on January 10.

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C. & S. B. REGISTRY.
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No. D 5621

REPORT

Yan[illegible] Station, 1st

Date 10th January 1934.

Subject (in full) Further Report Re Closing of the "Mei Foong" Silk Filature, 17 Haichow Road.

Made by D.S. MacLennan Forwarded by D.S.I. Willgoss.

Sir:

At 11 p.m. 9/1/34. a telephone message was received from the filature owner Nee Dah Tsan to the effect that he had decided to pay wages due to the ex-workers between 10 p.m. and 2 p.m. 10/1/34. and requesting police assistance in the event of trouble. Police were accordingly detailed.

At 5 p.m. 10/1/34. C.D.S. 63 reported that no meeting was held on the premises by the ex-workers in accordance with the notice which was posted on the premises on 9/1/34(See Report dated 9/1/34).

Between 12 noon and 2 p.m. to-day(10/1/34) ex-workers appeared and accepted their wages due in cash. The remaining 48 workers refused to accept same but caused no trouble.

It was intimated by the management that no definite arrangements have been arrived at in regard to graturties.

One of the ex-workers named Tsang Tien Kwei was to-day collecting subscriptions ranging from $1.50 and $3.00 from the ex-workers to meet expenses incurred by their representatives.

A letter was to-day received by the ex-workers from the Bureau of Social Affairs requesting them to send 2 representatives to that office to discuss matter(no date given).

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant.

D.M. MacLennan

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Labour (2)

Mei Feng Silk Weaving Factory - ex-workers to hold meeting

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With a view to discussing measures in connection with the demand over resumption of operation, the workers of the Mei Feng Silk Weaving Factory, which closed down on December 31, 1933, as a consequence of trade depression, are arranging to hold a meeting at 12 noon on January 10 on the premises of the concern, 17 Haichow Road.

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Yangtzepoo Station,

REPORT

Date January 8th 1934.

Subject (in full) Further Report re Closing of the "Mei Foong" Silk Filature, 17 Haichow Road.

Made by D. S. MacLennan Forwarded by D.S.I. Willgoss.

Sir:

At 1 p.m. 5/1/34 three representatives namely (1) Chu Tsing Dan (朱錦璹) representing the Bureau of Social Affairs, (2) Tsang Ts Zien (張志泉) delegate of the ex-workers and (3) Liang Wai Sien (梁懷先) representing the ex-clerks interviewed the management of the above filature at 17 Haichow Road, with a view to coming to a definite understanding.

The filature-owner, Nee Dah Tsan (倪大椿) stated that owing to financial obligations, he was definitely unable to resume functioning but was alternatively willing to grant a retiring gratuity of $10.00 to each ex-worker and a gratuity equivalent to one month's pay to each ex-clerk, irrespective of length of service. The representatives stated that the offer would be subject to the ex-workers consideration.

At 9 a.m. 8/1/34 C.D.S. 63 reported that the above premises have been mortgaged to the Pootung Commercial Savings Bank, No. 1 Siking Road, who have placed paper seals on the machine-room door bearing the characters (浦東銀行) (Pootung Bank).

At 1.40 p.m. 8/1/34, five delegates of the ex-workers named Wong Tien Pao (王天波), Sih Tse Shien (薛志瑄), Tsang Yih Ziang (章奕祥), Tsang Tien Kwei (章天桂), and Tsang Ts Zien interviewed Nee Dah Tsan (倪大椿) at his home, 431 Peking Road, and agitated for resumption of operations but their appeals were not complied with.

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At 11 p.m. 8/1/34 Mr. Charles Nee, son of the filature-owner, came to the station and reported that at 6 p.m. (8/1/34) one of his ex-clerks named Tung Woo Sai (陳立山) who lives on the premises, observed that the padlock which secured the engine room door had been forced and the paper seals thereon torn but the machinery not interfered with, the department having apparently not

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been entered. The said door was secured with a new padlock at 7 p.m.(8/1/34) by the filature owner, Nee Dah Tsan, and his two watchmen warned to keep special observation on same.

These 2 watchmen, when questioned, could give no information as to how or when the lock had been broken.

At 12 noon (9/1/34) ex-workers posted notices on the premises calling all ex-workers to attend a meeting which is to be held in their questions, on the premises, at 12 noon to-morrow(10/1/34) for the purpose of discussing the situation.

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Your obedient servant,

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9/1/34.

Mei Feng Silk Weaving Factory - workers demand retiring gratuity

At 2 p.m. January 8, four Chinese who claimed to represent the unemployed workers of the Mei Feng Silk Weaving Factory, called upon the Manager at the Sales Office, 31 Peking Road, and requested him to grant a retiring gratuity to the ex-employees. Their request was rejected but the callers were promised that the deposit due to the workers would be returned to-day, January 9.

The factory which is located at 16 Haichow Road, closed down on December 31, 1933, on account of business depression, affecting a total of 300 hands (Vide I.R. of 1-3/1/34).

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. 319.

REPORT

Yangtzepoo Station,

Date Jan. 2nd, 1934.

Subject (in full) Further report re closing of the Mei Foong Silk filature, 17 Haichow Road.

Made by D.S. MacLennan Forwarded by D.S.I. Willgoss

Sir.

C.D.S. 63 reports that at 4 p.m. 31/12/33 twenty dismissed workers called at the Bureau of Social Affairs, Bantao and solicited assistance in securing re-instatement. The reply is unknown at present.

C.D.C. 167 reports that about 120 ex-workers held a meeting in their quarters, on the premises, between 3/4 p.m. 1/1/34 when the following resolutions were discussed and passed:-

1. That 4 representatives be assigned to negotiate with the owner of the Filature for the re-instatement of the dismissed workers.
2. Every worker is to contribute $3.00 to meet food and locomotion expences incurred by the representatives.
3. Should the owner of the Filature refuse to entertain the request for re-instatement and fail to submit a favourable reply by 5/1/34 the Bureau of Social Affairs will again be requested to render assistance to the dismissed workers.
4. Any worker may join other Industrial Concerns, Provided he contributes 20 cents daily, whilst in employment, to the Filature's provisional union.

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Your obedient servant,

D. M. MacLennan

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Extract from Intelligence Report 4/1/34.

Mei Feng Silk Weaving Factory - ex-workers agitate for reopening of the concern

Some 300 ex-workers of the Mei Feng Silk Weaving Factory ly Haichow Road, are agitating for the reopining of the concern which in consequence of trade depression closed down on December 31, 1933 (Vide I.R. 1-3/1/34). During the afternoon of January 1, some 120 ex-employees held a meeting on the premises of the factory, when it was decided that four delegates be assigned to negotiate with the management regarding resumption of operations. It was also resolved that all affected workers should contribute $3.00 each to cover expenses incurred by the delegates. It is learned that the ex-workers propose to hold a meeting this morning, January 4, on the premises of the concern to discuss ways and means of soliciting assistance from the Chinese Authorities.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Yangtszepoo Station,

Date December 31, 33.

Subject (in full) Re closing of the "Mei Foong", silk filature, 17 Haichow Road.

Made by D.S. MacLennan Forwarded by D.S.I. Willgoss

Sir,

At 11 a.m. 31/12/33 Mr. Nee Dah Tsan (倪大璜), owner of the above filature brought to the Station a letter which was written on his behalf by a lawyer named Tsiang Pao Li (蔣保厘), 38 Avenue Edward 7th.

The letter intimated that owing to trade depression and financial difficulties the owner of the above factory was to permanently close same at about 12 noon, this date, (31/12/33) and thereby dispense with the services of the entire staff and requesting police assistance in the event of possible trouble.

On receipt of this letter uniform police and detectives were posted in the mill to take precautionary measures.

At 1.25 p.m. (31/12/33) a telephone message was received from the management to the effect that workers were creating trouble in the machine room.

A party of police with C/Inspector Foley, Inspector West and S.I. Craik immediately proceeded to the filature where numerous employees were found in the compound abusing the owner, Nee Dah Tsun. Two of the ringleaders named Wong Nee Ngoh (王倪岳) and Lieu Seh Tson (劉錫青), who were observed to strike the owner with their hands, were arrested and brought to the Station but were later released as the owner, who had not sustained injuries, refused to take action against them.

From enquiries by D.S.I. Lieu Wen Cho, C.D.S.s 63, 283 and the undersigned the following was ascertained:-

200 males and 75 females are employed on Day Shift in the mill and 100 males and 75 females on Night Shift, making a total of 350 workers.

At about 12 noon to-day(31/12/33) the day shift ceased work for

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their food period and about 1[illegible] of them proceeded to their quarters, situated on the premises, whilst the remainder left the premises for their respective homes.

The management then locked the doors of the filature and posted several notices, translation attached, on the premises, giving intimation of the works being closed and of the services of employees being no longer required.

The workers, on observing this, remonstrated with the owner as to why no previous warning of dismissal had been given to them. Whilst the owner was explaining the circumstances approximately 5[illegible] females approached him and requested permission to remove their property from the weaving department. Their request was granted and on their gaining entry to the said department they started the machinery but after persuasion by police they left and joined the others in the compound.

They then surrounded the owner and became riotious, this resulting in the arrest of the two apparent ringleaders, already referred to. The circumstances were then explained to the workers by police and they agreed to keep quiet and select representatives to discuss the matter with the management at 6 p.m. (31/12/33). They then quietly dispersed, some returning to their quarters on the premises and the others leaving the filature.

At 7 p.m. C.D.S. 63 reported to the Station that the workers had decided to negotiate with the management on 1/1/34.

No injuries and no damage to property.

Police have been posted on the premises.

D.O. "D", D.D.O. "D" and Special Branch informed.

Copy for A.C. Special Branch forwarded.

Enquiries proceeding.

I am, Sir,

D. M. MacLean

D.S. 10

Sen: Det: i/c

~~D.D.O.~~ "D"

Officer i/c Sp. Br.

SI,

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